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Docket No.: SCHUNKE

In re Application of:	)
KURT SCHUNKE et al.	) Examiner: Stefanon, Justin
Appl. No.: 09/727,109	) Group Art Unit: 3682
Filed: November 30, 2000	)
For: ADJUSTING DEVICE	)

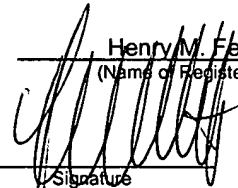
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following reference A). Applicant does not admit that the cited document constitutes prior art against the pending application.

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A)	Germany	G 93 18 082.9	Dewert	02-24-1994

A copy of this reference is submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

- ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 1.53(d), so that no fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 is due.
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The undersigned hereby states:

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of this item of information, applicant notes as follows:

Reference A) describes an electromotive adjusting device for a moveable piece of furniture, having an adjusting spindle (20), an adjusting lever (15) which is

swingable about a pivot axis transversely to the adjusting spindle, and an output pin (12, 13) which follows the movement of the lever (15).

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the reference above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

Respectfully submitted

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